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The Outsiders

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Main Characters

The Greasers (gang)

Pony Boy Curtis
"Soda Pop" Curtis

Darry Curtis
Johnny Cade
Dally Winston
Steve
Two Bit
The Socials (Socs - gang)

Cherry
Marcia
Randy
Bob
Chapter 1

Pony Boy Curtis is walking home after watching a Paul Newman movie.

Pony Boy Curtis is Narrating this story.

Pony Boy is saying it is unsafe for a Greaser to walk home alone. They get harassed by the Socials who are the rich kids. The Greasers are poorer and wilder. The Greasers have long greasy hair. The Greasers steal and get into gang fights.
The Greasers also carry knives to fight with.

Pony Boy has no parents. They died in a car accident.

Pony boy notices a red car following him home.

The kids in the car are Socials and they stop and beat him up. Pony Boy's brother Darry shows up to help him.

Later the Greasers make plans to go out to the movies the next night.
Chapter 2

Pony Boy and Johnny and Dally go to the drive in movies. They sit behind 2 Socials girls and annoy them. Pony Boy goes to buy some soda and talks to one of the girls, her name is Cherry. She asks Pony Boy about his brother Soda Pop who dropped out of school and now works at a gas station. Cherry and Marcia invite Pony Boy and Johnny to watch the movie with them. Later they
get popcorn and talk about the time the Socials beat up Johnny. One of them wore a lot of rings.
Chapter 3

Pony Boy, two Bit, and Johnny walk to Two Bit's house with Cherry and Marcia to give them a ride home. They all talk and get along on the way home. Pony Boy and Cherry both like to read and like to watch sunsets. Pony Boy realizes that though they come from different backgrounds, they both watch the same sunsets.

A blue car comes by with Randy and Bob.
in it. They are Cherry and Marcia's boyfriends. Pony Boy notices that Bob wears 3 heavy rings on his fingers. They almost get into a fight, but the girls agree to leave with the boyfriends to prevent fighting. Cherry tells Pony Boy that she likes Dally.

Pony boy gets home late and Darry is angry and hits him. Pony boy runs away with Johnny.
Chapter 4

Pony Boy and Johnny run to the park. It is cold there. They see the blue car with 5 Socs in it, including Randy and Bob. They are drunk. They fight. Johnny kills Bob with his knife after one of the Socs has put Pony boy's head in the water fountain trying to drown him. They go to see Dally. Dally gives them $50 and some clean clothes. They get on a train and
hide in a church and go to sleep.
Chapter 5

Johnny goes into town to buy cigarettes and bologna and a book called *Gone with the Wind*, which they read. After 5 days, Dally comes to the church with a letter from the police asking about Bob's death. Cherry is now acting as a spy for the Greasers and the 2 groups are getting ready for a big fight.
chapter 6

Johnny shocks Dally saying he wants to go home and confess the murder.

Dally doesn't want Johnny to go to prison. Dally drives Johnny and Pony Boy.

As they drive out by the church, they see it is on fire. They wonder if one of their cigarettes started it so they jump out of the car.

They hear some of the church people out back at
a picnic yelling that there are children missing. Pony Boy hears screams from the church and he runs in and saves the children with Johnny.

The roof caves in as Johnny pushes Pony Boy out the window. Pony Boy tries to go back inside for Johnny, but Dally hits him on his back and knocks him out.

Pony boy wakes up in an ambulance. Dally knocked him out because his back was on fire.
Dally is also burned and Johnny is very badly burned and in rough shape.

In the hospital, Pony Boy talks about Johnny killing Bob and that it was really self defense.
Reporters come and interview Pony Boy, Soda pop, and Darry in the hospital. The doctors tell them that Johnny broke his back and even if he lives, he won't ever walk again.

The next day, they read the newspaper that tells about what heroes they are for saving the children. Johnny will also be charged with Bob's death and they may split up the family.
Two Bit and Pony Boy go to buy soda. A blue car pulls up and they see the group of Socs that hurt Pony Boy and Johnny in the park.

One of the Socs, Marcia's boyfriend, Randy comes over to Pony Boy to talk to him. He is surprised that a greaser like Pony boy would save those children. They realize that they are not such bad people after all.
Two Bit and Pony Boy go to see Johnny and Dally in the hospital. Johnny is very weak and asks Pony Boy to finish reading *Gone with the Wind* to him. Dally is doing better. Another gang member had come by and asked to borrow his knife. And he gives it to him.

On the way home, Pony Boy and Two Bit see Cherry in her car and she tells them that...
the Socs have agreed to fight with no weapons.

Ponyboy asks Cherry to go visit Johnny, but she says no because he killed Bob. She says that Bob was only mean when he was drunk.

Ponyboy asks her if she can see the sunset on the west side, and tells her to remember he can also see it on the east side.
Pony boy feels sick before the fight. They have dressed up to look tough. He gets scared when he gets to the fight. 23 Socs show up in 4 carloads to fight the 20 Greasers. They fight and after a long struggle, the Greasers win. After the fight, Pony Boy and Dally go to the hospital to see Johnny. Johnny tells them fighting is stupid and tells Pony Boy to stay golden and then
Dally goes running from the room.
After Johnny's death, Pony Boy wanders alone for hours until a man gives him a ride. Pony boy's head is bleeding. At home, Pony boy finds the Greasers at his house and he tells them that Johnny is dead and Dally is upset. Dally calls to say he has robbed a store and is running from the police. Dally pulls out his gun and points it at the police and they
shoot him dead. Pony Boy passes out.

When Pony Boy wakes up, Darry is near him

and he tells him he has been in bed

for 3 days because of his hurt head from the fight.
Chapter 11

Pony boy has to stay in bed for a week. He finds a photo of Bob in Soda Pop’s yearbook. Pony Boy decides that though Bob was mean sometimes, he was still human after all.

Randy comes to the house and says he doesn’t want to be involved. Pony boy is not himself because of his head injury and tells Randy that he killed Bob and that Johnny is alive. Darry
asks Randy to leave.
Pony Boy doesn't have to speak much at his hearing as his doctor has spoken to the judge about his head injury. The judge asks him a few simple questions about his home life and sets him free without blaming him for any of the bad things. After the hearing, Pony Boy is depressed and his school work gets bad, but his English teacher tells him he can pass if he writes a good
The next day, Pony Boy goes to the store with Steve and Two Bit for candy and soda. A group of Socs bother him and he threatens them with a broken bottle. After they leave, Pony Boy’s friends tell him not to become bad and they are happy when he picks up all the broken glass so no one will get a flat tire. That night, Pony Boy and Darry get into a
fight about his bad grades at school. Soda Pop has run out of the house after getting a letter from his old girlfriend unopened. Darry & Pony Boy go out after him and they all decide to stop fighting. They go back home and Pony Boy looks at Johnny's book, Gone with the Wind, he finds a note in it telling him to stay gold and talking about how saving the children's lives in the
Fire was more important than his own.

Pony Boy decides to tell his story so his friends and others will not make the same mistakes and will appreciate the beauty in the world. He begins to write his English paper and starts it with "The Outsiders". He talks about coming out of the Paul Newman movie where it was dark and into the sunlight and only wanting a ride home.